(b) to (d) The matter has since been brought to the notice of the Employees' Provident Fund Authorities for taking necessary action under the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

Joint venture in software and personal computers

1132. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up some joint veuture projects in collaboration with Japan in the field of software and personal computers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-Nepal Trade Relations

1133. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to improve and expand Indo-Nepal trade relations;

(b) if so, the areas in which Indo-Nepal trade has been established; and

(c) the new areas identified for Indo-Nepal trade; and

(d) the details of the trade pact signed during the recent visit of Nepal Prime Minister to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The Governments of India and Nepal are regularly inter-acting with each other to take measures to improve and expand trade relations in the established and new areas for mutual advantage.

The main items of export from India to Nepal include non-basmati rice, tobacco, spices, miscellenous processed items, Coal drugs and pharmaceuticals, refractories/cement etc, wood products, manufactures of metal, machinery and transport equipment, primary and semi-finished iron & steel, cotton yarn & fabrics etc. The main items of import from Nepal include pulses, spices, raw jute, textiles, essential oils and cosmetics, and medicinal and pharmaceutical products.

No trade pact was signed during the recent visit of the Prime Minister of Nepal to India.

कृषि उत्पादों का निर्यात

1134. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:** क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के कृषि उत्पादों के निर्यात में गत वर्षों से लगातार वृद्धि हो रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1990-91 के दौरान निर्यात किये गये कुल कृषि उत्पादों का प्रतिशत कितना था;

(ग) वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान आयातित इन उत्पादों का कुल मूल्य कितना था;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिए कृषि उत्पादों के उत्पादन को प्रोत्साहन देने हेतु ऐसे उत्पादों की पहचान की है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो ऐसे कृषि उत्पादों के नाम क्या हैं, जिनके निर्यात में वृद्धि होने की संभावना है तथा इनके उत्पादन को बढ़ाने के लिए भावी योजनाएं क्या-क्या हैं?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कृषि और सम्बद्ध उत्पादों का निर्यात इस प्रकार रहा है:

(करोड़ रु०)

वर्ष	निर्यात
1992-93	7207.50
1993-94	9720.32
1994-95	9183.36

(स्रोत: डी०जी०सी०आई० एंड एस, कलकत्ता)